

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 27 2015

RE: S.C.R. No. 37
S.D. 1

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim
President of the Senate
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2015
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Economic Development and Technology, to which was referred S.C.R. No. 37 entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND TOURISM TO TAKE CERTAIN ACTIONS TO IMPROVE JOB CREATION AND BUSINESS CLIMATE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to request the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism to take certain actions to improve job creation and the business climate statewide.

Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism and Grassroot Institute of Hawaii.

Your Committee finds that over the past thirty years, Hawaii's economy has undergone significant diversification, especially in particular industries of innovation, creativity, and energy. The unemployment rate in Hawaii is traditionally lower than the United States average by two percentage points. Further, unemployment in Hawaii is among the ten lowest of all states nationwide.

However, your Committee finds that improvements in the areas of job creation and business climate are the exception, rather than the norm, for the general economy in the State. Your Committee notes that there is a lack of standards for

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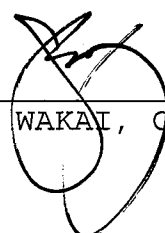
accountability and annual improvement within the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism (DBEDT) and its attached agencies. More specifically, your Committee finds that the design and implementation of specific and clearly articulated goals for DBEDT and its attached agencies will ensure the fiscal accountability and transparency of DBEDT in the future.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Inserting language to request the Director of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism to provide an oral presentation on the goals of the Department and its attached agencies, including any proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2016;
- (2) Inserting language to request the Director of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism to submit a report on the goals of the Department and its attached agencies, including any proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2016; and
- (3) Making a technical, nonsubstantive amendment for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Economic Development and Technology that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 37, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, in the form attached hereto as S.C.R. No. 37, S.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Economic
Development and Technology,

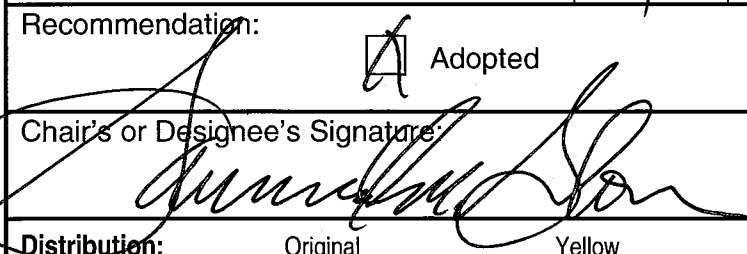


GLENN WAKAI, Chair



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Bill / Resolution No.:* <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive;">SCR 37</div>	Committee Referral: <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive;">EDT, WAM</div>	Date: <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive;">3/18/15</div>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: flex-start;"> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313 </div> </div>				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
WAKAI, Glenn (C)	X			
SLOM, Sam (VC)	X			
BAKER, Rosalyn H.				X
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne				X
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M.	X			
ESPERO, Will	X			
HARIMOTO, Breene				X
TOTAL	4	0	0	3
Recommendation: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; margin-top: 5px;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted </div>				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="font-size: 1.5em; font-family: cursive; margin-top: 10px;">  </div>				
Distribution: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; margin-top: 5px;"> <div style="text-align: center;">Original File with Committee Report</div> <div style="text-align: center;">Yellow Clerk's Office</div> <div style="text-align: center;">Pink Drafting Agency</div> <div style="text-align: center;">Goldenrod Committee File Copy</div> </div>				

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